

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted responsive to the Advisory Action mailed March 4, 2004 in which Claims 5 and 6 were indicated as allowable and claim 10 - 17 were allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all limitations previously found in claims 2, 3, 4 and 5. Thus claim is now in allowable form.

Claim 6 is similarly allowable.

Claims 7, 8 and 9 are allowable as dependent from allowable claim 1.

Applicants note with approval the allowance of claims 10-17.

Applicants request the reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 6 through 9 and the continued status of claims 10-17 as allowed.

This Supplemental Amendment After Final Rejection should be entered as all claims are allowable and the application is in condition for allowance.

The application was finally rejected on November 26, 2003. The first response to the Final Rejection was filed within two months (January 8, 2004) and the Advisory Action was mailed on March 4, 2004. Since the response was within two months of the Final Rejection, the period for the calculation of extensions of time should be calculated from March 4, 2004 and not from the three month period set for response to the Final Rejection. Accordingly the period for reply expires on the mailing date and fee for such date should be calculated from the March 4, 2004

date, not the three months after the mailing of the final rejection, as indicated in the Advisory Action. Applicants request that the Examiner correct the record with respect to this matter.

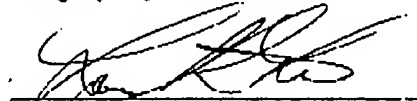
Accordingly, the fee for the extension of time to respond to the Advisory Action is a two month fee in the amount of \$420.00.

This Amendment shall serve as an authorization for the Director of Patents to charge a fee for a two month extension of time, in the amount of \$420.00 to the deposit account of IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0465 for the required fee.

This Amendment shall serve as an authorization for the Director of Patents to charge any shortage in the fees to the deposit account of IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0465 or refund any overage in fees paid to the deposit account of IBM Corporation, Deposit Account No. 09-0465.

Should Examiner find any remaining minor matters that can be advantageously disposed of by a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorney, Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone at the number below.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
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